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Title : 1,1- and 2,2-Disubstituted Cyclopropane Compounds

Art Unit : 1614

Examiner : Binta M. ROBINSON, Esq.

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RESPONSE AND ELECTION UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.111 & 1.142

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 9, 2003, the applicants respond as follows:

R E M A R K S

The applicants acknowledge the Examiner's Office Action with appreciation. Claims 19-36 remain under consideration. The Office issues a revised Restriction Requirement consisting of twelve (12) restriction groups, and indicates that the applicants' elected species (i.e., Example 19) falls into Group I; therefore, Group I will be examined. Nonelected portions of Claims 19-30 have been withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner.

As was the case with the June 18, 2002 restriction, it is the position of the Office that the application pertains to a plurality of patentably distinct